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Sub-standard Drugs in Super Bazar

1129. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (HARDOI): Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the quality of drugs available in Super Bazar is of sub-standard as appearing in the "Indian Express", dated June 24, 1997;
 - (b) if so, the facts thereof;
 - (c) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether some persons/firms are making supplies to the Super Bazar/Kendriya Bhandar who are neither manufacturers nor the authorised dealers of the companies whose brand name products they supply to them; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to weed out such manufacturers/suppliers to protect the interest of the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the Super Bazar, Delhi, they are selling drugs manufactured by multi national companies, national companies of repute and other drug manufacturing companies which are registered with the small scale industry authorities.

(d) and (e) Both Super Bazar and the Kendriya Bhandar have denied that they are purchasing drugs trom persons/firms who are neither manufacturers nor the authorised dealers of the companies whose brand name products are supplied by them.

Allocation of Fund for Dry Land Farming

1130. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total fund provided by the Government to the State Governments under the Dry Land Development Programme during 1997-98, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government propose to extend the said programme to the drought prone State;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?